GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1449
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RAILWAY PROJECTS IN WEST BENGAL
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the new and pending rail projects and surveys in West Bengalalong with the progress made thereon, project-wise;

(b) the time schedule fixed for completion of each of these project/surveys;

(c) whether the Government have received any fresh proposal to conduct surveyfor construction/ conversion of railway lines in West Bengal;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the action taken by the Government thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a) to (e) : A statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (e) O F UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1449 BY SHRI HANNAN MOLLAH, SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL, SHRI AJOY CHAKRABORTY TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 09.12.2004 REGARDING RAILWAY PROJECTS IN WEST BENGAL.

(a) & (b) : Pending projects are considered as those projects which have been included in the Budget without requisite clearances and clearances are still pending. There is no such pending project in West Bengal. Hon'ble MPs are perhaps referring to ongoing rail projects and surveys falling fully/partly in West Bengal, whose progress and time schedule of completion wherever fixed are as under:-

Sl. No.	Name of project	Anticipated cost	Anticipated Expenditure upto 31.3.2004	Proposed Outlay 2004-2005	Current status
		(Rsin cr.)	(Rs.in cr.)	(Rs.in cr.)	
			NEW LINES		
1	Laxmikantapur-Namkhana (47.5 km)	100.88	93.97	1.00	Work completed.
2.	Tarakeshwar-Bishnupur with ext. up to Kumarkundu bypassconnecting Howrah-Bardhman Chord (85 km)	276	22.66	2.99	Land acquisition proceedings are in progress between Tarakeshwar-Arambagh. Work will be commenced once the land becomes available.
3.	Azimganj(Nasipur)-Jiaganj up to the Ghats(3 km)	22.78	--	0.01	Work has been approved by competentauthority with the concurrence of Planning Commission. Preliminary activities for taking up the work are in progress.
4.	Mandarhill-Rampurhat	254.07	57.43	10.00	Final Location Survey has been completed. Land acquisition

	via Dumka (130 km)				proceedings are in progress. Work of earthwork, bridges and other activities are in progress.
5.	New Maynaguri-Jogighopa (245 km)	733	33.97	42.00	Final Location Survey completed. Land acquisition proceedings in progress.Earthwork and bridge works from Maynaguri Road-Changrabandha are in progress.
6.	Eklakhi-Balurghat and Gazol-Itahar (118 km)	274.41	207.25	5.00	Eklakhi-Balurghat completed. Final Location Survey between Gazol-Itahar being taken up.
7.	Tamluk-Digha (87.5 km)	293.97	241.19	11.00	Tamluk-Kanthi completed. Work in progress between Kanthi-Digha which is targeted for completion during 2004-05.
8.	Howrah-Amta and Bargachia-Champadanga(73.5km)	154.3	68.42	5.00	Howrah-Mahendralalnagar section completed. Mahendralalnagar-Amta has also been completed recently.
			GAUGE CONVERSION		
1.	New Jalpaiguri -Siliguri-New Bongaigaon (415.48 km)	820.00	596.49	30.00	New Jalpaiguri- Samuktala Road completed. Samuktala-New Bongaigaon targeted for completion during 2004-05. Work of conversion of branch line from Alipurduar to Bamanhat has also been taken up
2.	Bankura-Damodar River project including extension of new line from Bowaichandi to Khana (198 km)	158.16	52.95	33.16	Earthwork and bridge works etc. are in progress on Bankura-Damodhar River railway line. Bankura-Sonamukhi targeted for completion during 2004-05.
3.	Katihar-Jogbani (including Katihar-Radhikapur) (196 km)	403.38	97.69	25.00	Earthwork and bridgeworks are in progress. Barsoi-Radhikapur targeted for completion during 2004-05.
			DOUBLING		
1	Tarakeshwar-Sheoraphulli,Ph-I (Sheoraphulli-Nalikul) (18 km)	38.88	15.76	2.04	Sheoraphulli- Diara completed. Balance works are in progress.
2.	Gurup-Shaktigarh 3rd line 26 km)	55.58	44.55	4.00	Gurup-Pallaroad section completed. Pallaroad-Shaktigarh is targeted for completion during 2004-05.
3.	Habra-Chandpara (22.25 km)	40.81	0.98	2.00	Final Location Survey completed.
4.	Sonarpur Canning Ph.I (Sonarpur-Ghutiari Shariff) 29 km)	30.47	11.11	1.00	Earth work and bridge works are in progress.
5	Baruipur-Lakshmikantapur	31.82	4.8	1.00	Earthwork and bridgeworks are in

	Ph.I (Baruipur-Dakshnia Barasat)(17 km)				progress.
6.	Bolpur-Ahmedpur (19 km)	54.8	30.31	3.00	Work completed.
7	Kalinarayanpur-Krishnanagar including ext. as GC from Krishnanagar-Shantipur and new line Krishnanagar to Chartala (51 km)	102.5	5.73	1.00	Earthwork is in progress in part length.
8.	Barasat-Hasanabad doubling with electrification Ph.I (Barasat-Sondalia) (12.12 km)	23.65	3.29	1.00	Earthwork and bridgeworks are in progress.
9.	Bandel-Jirat (20 km)	50.13	1.71	1.00	Earth work and bridge works are in progress.
10.	Baruipur-Magrahat (15 km)	30.09	0.43	1.00	Tenders have been processed.
11.	Ahmedpur-Sainthia (13 km)	26.76	--	12.80	Works are in progress and project is targeted for completion during 2004-2005.
12.	Kumarganj-Eklakhi (6 km)	21.57	5.44	6.00	Earthwork and bridgeworks are in progress.
13.	Harishchandrapur-Kumarganj (30 km)	63.22	38.41	16.00	Earthwork and bridge works are in progress.
14.	Tikiapara-Santragachi IV line(5.6 km)	22.5	1.00	20.00	Work is in planning stage.
15.	Panskura-Haldia Ph.I (16 km)	26.02	7.49	10.00	Earthwork and bridge works are in progress.
16	Pandabeswar-Chinpai (21.41km)	56.47	-	3.00	New work included in Budget 2004-05 and would be taken up once Budget is passed by Parliament.
17	Chandpara-Bongaon (9.77 km)	27.48	--	1.00	Preliminary works being taken up.

METROPOLITAN TRANSPORT

1.	Dum-Dum-Garia, Design and construction of Rapid Transit system 22 km)	2324.70	1972.03	42.00	Work for construction of foundation, sub-structure and super-structure for the elevated track are in progress. Targeted for completion by June, 2007.
2.	Circular Railway including Dum-Dum-Tala electrification (18.5 km)	242.42	163.94	41.00	Works on Princepghat to Majarhat and Dum Dum to NSCB Airport are in progress and targeted to be completed on or

					before March, 2005. Work on Ultadanga to Rajaghat (Ph-I upto Lake Town only) has been frozen till the Chitpur yard layout is finalized and proposal of East-West corridor is firmed up.

RAILWAY ELECTRIFICATION

1.	Krishnanagar-Lalgola (128 km)	63.83	11.00	15.40	Work is targeted for completion by June, 2006.

The details of ongoing surveys falling fully/partly in West Bengal are as under:-

Sl.No.	Name of survey	Anticipated Cost (Rs. in lacs)	Target date of completion
	NEW LINES		
1	Park Circus to Dhamkhali	4.05	30.06.05
2	Canning-Sonakhali	1.35	31-03.05
3	Budge Budge-Namkhana-Frazerganj	4.50	31-03.05
4.	Chowrigacha-Kandi	0.90	31.03.05
5.	Budge Budge-Pujali	0.90	31.03.05
6.	Balurghat-Hili	1.75	31.03.06
7.	Samsi-Chanchal-Harishchandrapur	1.25	31.12.05
8.	Supaul-Galglia via Araria	1.50	31.03.05
9.	Jhargram-Purulia	1.00	31.03.05
10.	Buramara-Chakulia	2.80	31.03.05
	GAUGE CONVERSION		
1.		0.15	31.03.05
	Krishnanagar-Nabadwipghat	0.40	30.06.05
2.	Katwa-Barddhaman	2.75	31.03.05
3.	Katwa-Ahmedpur		
4.		4.00	31.12.05
	Aluabari-Siliguri via Galgalia		
	DOUBLING		
1.	Santipur-Kalinarayanpur	0.80	31.03.05
2.	Pandabeswar-Sainthia	7.15	30.06.05
3.	Bandel-Katwa	0.80	30.06.05
4.	Krishnanagar-Lalgola	1.00	30.06.05
5.	Kharagpur-Midnapore via Girimaidan	0.08	31.03.05
6.	Rajgoda-Durga Chak	2.50	31.03.05

(c) to (e): A proposal has been received recently for taking up survey for construction of new rail line in West Bengal namely, Panskura-Ghatal-Chandrakona Road. The proposal is under process of sanction.